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DEQ's system allows subscribers to get air quality information- real time or predicted

BATON ROUGE – How do you want to get your air quality information? Do you want to know when an air quality index standard is exceeded in real time? Do you want to know what a certain air quality monitor is reading now? Or do you want to know when an air quality action day is predicted? Now you can get air quality information one way or all three ways.

If you want to know when the ozone, SO2 or PM2.5 standards are exceeded in real time, you can subscribe to that service. When an exceedance occurs you will receive an email providing the requested information. Subscribe by going to https://airquality.deq.louisiana.gov/Subscriptions/Manage and marking the notifications you would like to receive. The link is under Notifications on the My Air Quality button on the DEQ homepage.

If you want to know what a certain air quality monitor is reading currently, you can go the DEQ home page, www.deq.louisiana.gov, and click on the *My Air Quality* button on the right hand side. There you will find options such as "What is the current air quality in my area?" The monitors' locations and current readings are available. There is also much more information offered on the site.

If you want to know when the air quality is predicted to be poor for the next day so you can plan, sign up for **EnviroFlash**. EnviroFlash is an electronic information system designed to communicate air quality information to the public. It is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. It provides instant air quality information that citizens can customize for their own needs, allowing them to take steps that can protect the health of their family. It provides this information via e-mail. To register for EnviroFlash go to www.deg.louisiana.gov/enviroflash.

It is important to know what's in your air and what steps you can take to improve your air quality and protect your health.